year fluctuation in foodgrain/agricultural production take place due to agro-climatic conditions. For the year 2001-2002, the country is likely to achieve an all time record production of over 211.32 million tonnes.

(d) As per the Fourth Advance Estimates on 27.6.2002, the production of wheat and rice during 2001-2002 is expected to be 71.47 million tonnes and 91.61 million tonnes respectively.

**Supply of DMS milk in Delhi**

1786. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of DMS milk in the capital has been reduced during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to augment the sale of DMS milk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The sale of DMS milk in Delhi has reduced in the last two years mainly due to the hike in sale price of milk from Rs. 7/- per litre to Rs. 14/- per litre *w.e.f.* 1-3-2000.

(c) The steps taken to augment the sale of DMS milk include better consumer service, increased marketing activities like conversion of booths into All Day Milk Stall, upgradation of booth infrastructure. The Delhi Milk Scheme is also adopting professional approaches in different areas of operation such as marketing, transportation to augment the sale of milk.

It is also proposed to launch certain sale promotional schemes *i.e.* Special Discount Schemes for new consumers, home delivery agents and dealers to augment the sale of milk etc.

**Pulse production in Andhra Pradesh**

1787. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please to state:

(a) how far the National Pulse Development Programme has succeeded in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what was the production of pulses in the State during the last three years, year-wise, and how it compares with other States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh is one of the major pulse producing State in the country. The National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is in operation in 22 districts of Andhra Pradesh. The production of pulses in Andhra Pradesh remained fluctuating on year to year basis depending upon the behaviour of monsoon. The production of pulses in the State of Andhra Pradesh *vis-a-vis* in other major pulse producing States in the country during the year 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 is given below:

Production ('000' tonnes)

| State | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-01 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 827.0 | 800.2 | 859.3 |
| Karnataka | 746.9 | 848.7 | 970.0 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 3618.8 | 3780.5 | 2083.8 |
| Maharashtra | 2254.9 | 2206.1 | 1635.7 |
| Rajasthan | 2444.4 | 890.9 | 727.8 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2323.5 | 2598.8 | 2168.9 |

**Karnataka request for MSPs of agricultural products**

1788. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the minimum support price for wheat by Rs. 10;

(b) whether Government have received any request from Karnataka Government to increase MSP on copra, toor dal, ragi and maize; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?